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This is a decision on the request for corrected of patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b), received on August 14, 2007, for the above-identified application.

The request is granted-in-part.

The error in claim 11 is granted.

The request to renumber paragraphs is dismissed.

37 CFR 1.221(b) is applicable "only when the Office makes a material mistake which is apparent from Office records. Any request for a corrected or revised patent application publication other than as provided in paragraph (a) of this section must be filed within two months from the date of the patent application publication. This period is not extendable." A material mistake must affect the public's ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent application publication, to determine the scope of the patent application publication, or to determine the scope of the provisional rights that an applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance of a patent.¹

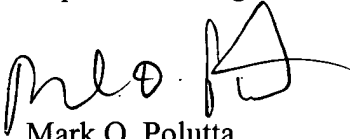
The numbering of the paragraphs as noted by requestor in the specification are not material Office errors under 37 CFR 1.221.

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